

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Eric J. Robinson on 02/11/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claims 159-165 have been canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Upon reconsideration, the 35 USC 102 rejection of claims 121-123, 125, 126, 128, 142, 143-145, 147-150 and 152 over Saito is withdrawn in view of Applicant's arguments in the appeal brief filed on 09/22/2008. See Applicant's arguments on pages 7-11 of the appeal brief.

Applicant authorized the examiner to cancel claims 159-165 to put the case in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Tai Duong at telephone number (571) 272-2291.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1787.

/TD/

/David Nelms/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2871

Application/Control Number: 08/051,313
Art Unit: 2871

Page 4